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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/587,615	<b>Applicant(s)</b> EILAM ET AL.	
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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06/22/07 and 04/01/08.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 July 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)          | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This communication is responsive to the application filed 06/22/2007 and the preliminary amendment filed 04/01/2008.

Claim 1 is presented for examination.

The specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

## **Drawings**

2. The drawings filed 07/27/2006 are accepted by the examiner.

## **Claim Objections**

3. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities:
  - “*one computing environment.*” (page 2/6, line 8) should read “*one computing environment;*”
  - “*said group*” (page 2/6, line 19) should read “*said group of provisioning resource services*”

- “*each base resource instance*” (page 3/6, line 2) should read “*said base resource instance*”
- “*each composite resource instance*” (page 3/6, line 6) should read “*said composite resource instance*”
- “*the description of the computing environment*” (page 4/6, line 15) should read “*the description of the at least one computing environment*”

Appropriate correction is required.

### **Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112**

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

**The following terms lack antecedent basis:**

- “*the resources*” (page 4/6, line 3)
- “*the plans*” (page 4/6, lines 12-13)
- “*the set of base resource types*” (page 4/6, line 16)
- “*the set of composite resource types*” (page 4/6, line 16)

**The following claim limitations are indefinite:**

- “*base resources*” (page 3/6, line 18) renders the claim indefinite. It is unclear if it is referring to “*said base resources*” (page 3/6, line 17)
- “*at least one managed resource service*” (page 5/6, line 4) renders the claim indefinite. It is unclear if it is referring to “*said managed resource service*” (page 3/6, line 7)

**Indication of Allowable Subject Matter**

5. Claim 1 appears to be allowable over the prior art of record, subject to the objections, the 112 rejections detailed above, and subject to a final search.

**Conclusion**

6. The prior art made of record, see PTO 892, and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

### **Contact Information**

7. Any inquiry or a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the TC 2100 Group receptionist: (571) 272-2100.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to VAN H. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571) 272-3765. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:30AM 6:00PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, MENG-AI AN can be reached at (571) 272-3756.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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